



FEBRUARY 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT	X	ACTION
		INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING
Assignment of Numbers for Charter School Petitions		

Recommendation:

California Department of Education (CDE) staff recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) assign charter numbers to the charter schools identified on the attached list.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The SBE is responsible for assigning a number to each approved charter petition. On the advice of legal counsel, CDE staff is presenting this routine request for charter numbers as a standard action item.

Since the charter school law was enacted in 1992, the SBE has assigned numbers to 515 charter schools, including six approved by the SBE after denial by the local agencies. Of these 515 schools, approximately 400 are estimated to be operating in the 2002-03 school year. In addition, the SBE has approved eight all-charter school districts containing a total of 15 charter schools.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

The law allows for the establishment of charter schools. A charter school typically is approved by a local school district or county office of education. The entity that approves a charter is also responsible for ongoing oversight. A charter school must comply with all the contents of its charter, but is otherwise exempt from most other laws governing school districts.

Education Code Section 47602 requires the SBE to assign a number to each charter school that has been approved by a local entity in the chronological order in which it was received. This numbering ensures that the state is within the cap on the total number of charter schools authorized to operate. As of July 1, 2002, the number of charter schools that may be authorized to operate in the state is 650. This cap may not be waived. This item will assign numbers to eight more charter schools. Copies of the charter petitions are on file at the Charter Schools Office.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

N/A

Attachment(s)

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Assignment of Charter School Numbers

NUMBER	CHARTER SCHOOL NAME	CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTY	AUTHORIZING ENTITY	CHARTER SCHOOL CONTACT
516	Coastal Academy	San Diego	Oceanside USD	Bob Goode 130 B West Woodward Ave. Escondido, CA 92025 760-546-0101
517	The Museum Middle School	San Diego	San Diego USD	Carl Hermanns 555 Union St. San Diego, CA 92101 619-236-8712
518	Rainbow Advanced Institute for Learning	San Diego	Vallecitos SD	Paul Cartas 5211 Fifth St. Rainbow, CA 92028 760-728-7092
519	Somis Academy	Ventura	Somis Union ESD	Carol Andersen 5268 North St. P.O. Box 900 Somis, CA 93066 805-386-5711
520	Cornerstone Prep Charter School	Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Dan Snowberger 540 N. Augusta Fresno, CA 93701 866-474-3285
521	New Economics for Women (NEW) Academy of Science and Arts	Los Angeles	Los Angeles USD	Mona Reyes 303 S. Loma Drive Los Angeles, CA 90017 213-483-2060
522	Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School	Sonoma	Santa Rosa City HSD	Steve Butler 211 Ridgway Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95401 707-528-5284
523	Hawthorne Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy	Los Angeles	Hawthorne SD	Donald R. Carrington 14120 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Hawthorne, CA 90250 310-676-2276